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Katchatheevu Island

3560. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the condition laid down in the Agreement with Sri Lanka in 1974, Indian fishermen would continue to enjoy their fishing rights around Katchatheevu and use the Island for drying their nets and fish;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Sri Lankan Government are not allowing Indian fishermen to use that Island;

(c) whether the Ramanathapuram District Fishermen's Association has approached the Central Government for the abrogation of the Agreement; and

(d) if so, what is Govenment's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The rights of the Indian fishermen are laid down in article 5 of the 'Agreement between Sri Lanka and India on the Boundary in Historic Waters between the two countries and Related Matters' of 1974 which states that 'subject to the foregoing, Indian fishermen and pilgrims will enjoy access to visit Kachchativu as hitherto and will not be required by the Sri Lanka Government to obtain travel documents or visas for these purposes'.

(b) In the disturbed conditions in the island in the post-1983 period the Sri Lanka Government had on many occasions denied Indian fishermen access to the Island.

(c) Some fishermen's associations have in the past written to Government asking that the Agreement should be re-negociated.

(d) This is an international Agreement concluded after taking into account all aspects of the matter. It is hoped that now that more settled conditions are returning to Sri Lanka, the Agreement will be properly implemented.

3561. [*Transferred to the 28th August*, 1987.]

शीशम की लकड़ी पर नक्काशी हुई वस्तुओं का निर्यात

3562. **श्री रशीद मसूद** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि शीशम की लकड़ी पर नक्काशी के काम वाले और ऐसे ही अन्य वस्तुओं का देश से निर्यात किया जाता है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस उद्योग का मुख्य केन्द्र उत्तर प्रदेश में स्थित है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि पिछले कुछ वर्षों से इन सभी वस्तुओं का निर्यात निरंतर कम हो रहा है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या इस उद्योग में लगे निर्यातकों ने निर्यात में गिरावट होने के कारणों से सरकार को अवगत करा दिया है ; यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) जहां तक रोज वुड मदों का सम्बन्ध है, जी नहीं ।

(ग) उपलब्ध आंकड़ों के अनुसार रोज वुड हस्तशिल्पों के निर्यात का मूल्य 1983-84 में 180.86 लाख रु० से बढ़कर 1984-85 में 193.89 लाख रु० हो गया है ।

(घ) उद्योग से कोई औपचारिक सूचना प्राप्त नहीं हुई है ।

Racket in Forged Degrees and Certificates

3563. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a big racket engaged in issuing forged degrees and certificates has been unearthed in Delhi early this month;

(b) if so, what are the names and other particulars of the persons involved in the fraud;

(c) what action has been taken against them; and

(d) what efforts have been made to identify the persons who took benefit of these fake degrees and certificates in the past and what action is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A case under section 420/465/471 IPC has been registered and the following 4 persons have been arrested:

(i) Prakash Chand

(ii) Sat Pal

(iii) Tej Kiran Jain

(iv) Ved Prakash Sharma.

(d) As and when the identity of the persons, who have obtained jobs on the basis of fake degree/certificates issued by the accused, becomes known, they will be prosecuted in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Violation of the provisions of Central Pollution Act by the Modis

3564. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrialists K. N. Modi, K. K. Modi, M. H. Modi and other executives of Modi Industries Ltd. have been found violating the provisions of the Prevention and Control of Pollution Act in Ghaziabad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Modi distilleries or their units producing industrial alcohol in Ghaziabad have been violating the instructions of the State Pollution Control Board; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the prosecution launched against the Modis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) The Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board filed a complaint against Modi Distillery, Ghaziabad in the Court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate under section 44 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 on the grounds that the Modi Distilleries was causing continuous pollution of the River Kali and were discharging toxic effluents into the river without the consent of the Board. While the complaint was pending before the Chief Judicial Magistrate, the Modi Distillery filed a revision petition before the Hon'ble High Court at Allahabad on the grounds of legal infirmity. The High Court upheld the